is for there to be money in the fund. That's partially why I have introduced amendments to take $250,000...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...of General Fund, $250,000 in another amendment from the Universal Service Fund, but it is my intent that there be money in the fund from the leasing of fiberoptic cable. Now, if there isn't money in the fund it will be for one of three reasons. Either these entities choose to sit on their dark fiber and not make it available. Even though they can recoup their cost of installation for the public good, they choose to sit on it and not make it available. That's one reason that there could be no money in the fund. Another reason could be that the market value of leasing fiberoptic cable is now below their cost of installation. Some of these companies put in fiberoptic cable at a fairly significant cost...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Kristensen, did you...debating AM0904 to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Beutler, the reason that I have a different view of this is that I come from a different approach than I believe Senator Bromm comes from it. It is his bill. I actually sign on to this bill because it does some things that I think it needs...needs to happen. I introduced a bill that would have allowed them to get into the business to lease, to do all these sorts of things, and mine was very simple in concept. It said, fine, you're never going to be able to totally keep these people out. Reality is they're going to get in at some point in time, in some form or fashion, so if they get in they can't commingle ratepayer funds. They must find some other ways, just as any other business would do. Separate set of board of directors and a separate set of books so we can account where they're going to go. Because I think the reality is